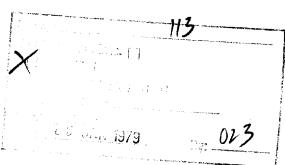
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Mr. F. Moran McConine
Commissioner of Public Buildings
Ceneral Services Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. McConibe:



We are gratified by the assistance we are receiving from the Public Buildings Fervice and the progress which is being made toward the maintenance of the planning schedule for our new building. I was particularly pleased to note the award of the contract for borings and soil testing, and that this work has actually begun.

In the interest of expediting the long range construction program, it has occurred to me that we might consider beginning the site clearance and rough grading at an early date to assure a minimum delay in commencing the actual building construction when we are in a position to let the contract. I realize, of course, that complete site development cannot precede the building construction, but we are interested in initiating any action which it may be feasible to undertake toward facilitating the overall progress of this project.

I would like to request your consideration of the possibility of entering a contract for some preliminary site clearing within the next several weeks and would appreciate your advice regarding the extent of this type of work which you feel might be prefitably undertaken prior to the overall construction contract.

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